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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TOLBERT TO PRESIDENT CARTER

LIBERIAN PRESIDENT WILLIAM R. TOLBERT, JR. HAS REQUESTED
THAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE, DATED APRIL 7, 1978, BE
TRANSMITTED TO PRESIDENT CARTER:

BEGIN TEXT:

QUOTE: HIS EXCELLENCY JIMMY CARTER
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:
I ACKNOWLEDGE WITH DEEP APPRECIATION YOUR KIND MESSAGE
OF THE 3RD WHICH I RECEIVED ON THE 6TH INSTANT
EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR THE HOSPITALITY AND WARM
RECEPTION ACCORDED YOU, MRS. CARTER, AMY AND YOUR
PARTY BY MRS. TOLBERT AND ME AND THE GOVERNMENT AND
PEOPLE OF LIBERIA DURING YOUR VISIT TO LIBERIA. BY
THAT GESTURE WE HAD DONE ONLY WHAT YOU TRULY DESERVE.
WE ARE GRATIFIED THAT YOUR VISIT AFFORDED US THE

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UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW THE HISTORIC TIES BETWEEN
OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND TO REAFFIRM OUR COMMON DESIRE TO
SEE THIS RELATIONSHIP ASSUME A TRULY SPECIAL CHARACTER.
I AM HEARTENED BY YOUR COMMENDATION OF OUR EFFORTS TO
PROMOTE THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF LIBERIA AND ITS
PEOPLE AND OUR HUMBLE INITIATIVES IN ADVANCING THE
INTEREST OF PEACE AMONG NATONS OF OUR SUB-REGION,

AFRICA AND OUR ONE WORLD. IT IS MOST HEARTENING THAT
WE SHARE COMMON CONVICTIONS ON THE ISSUES OF GREAT
MOMENT RAISED DURING OUR DISCUSSION IN MONROVIA AND I
HAVE EVERY ASSURANCE THAT YOUR GREAT COUNTRY WILL CON-
TINUE TO PLAY A DYNAMIC ROLE COMMENSURATE WITH ITS
WORLD STATURE IN FURTHERANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE
AND SECURITY. I ENTERTAIN HIGH HOPES THAT YOUR
ADMINISTRATION WILL MAINTAIN ITS KEEN INTEREST IN
MATTERS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE TO THE AFRICAN CONTINENT
PARTICULARLY OUR STRUGGLE FOR TOTAL LIBERATION AND
THE ENJOYMENT OF THOSE FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS SO CLOSE
TO YOUR HEART AND WHICH YOU SO ELOQUENTLY ESPOUSE.
MY OWN COMMITMENT TO THESE PRINCIPLES REMAINS FIRM.
THE BASIS FOR A PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN US
HAVING BEEN REINFORCED BY YOUR VISIT TO LIBERIA, IT IS
MY FERVENT WISH THAT WE WILL, EVEN MORE THAN IN THE
PAST, MAINTAIN A POLICY OF REGULAR CONSULTATIONS AND
EXCHANGES ON MATTERS OF BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL
CONCERN. VICTORIA JOINS ME IN EXTENDING WARM REGARDS
TO YOU, ROSALYNN AND AMY. WE SHALL ALWAYS TREASURE THE
GIFT YOU SO GENEROUSLY MADE TO US. WITH RENEWED
ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION AND ESTEEM,
SINCERLY, WILLIAM R. TOLBERT, JR.
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END TEXT. CARTER

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